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MADRAS ECHOES

Christian people all over the world are eagerly anticipating reports from the great ecumenical missionary conference in Madras, India, during last December.

Teams of speakers, made up largely of people from mission lands, are soon to sweep over America bringing to the larger cities the story of Madras.

San Francisco is to be visited on March 9 and 10. The sessions will be held at the Glide Memorial Church, Taylor and Ellis Streets. In line with the instruction of national headquarters, there will be no spreading out to other cities and churches except that the final session on Friday evening will be held at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

The team of speakers who will visit our area will be made up of the following persons: Dr. Leslie Boles Moss, secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America; Professor G. B. Camargo, director of the International Program of Religious Education in Mexico, formerly executive secretary of the National Council of Evangelical Churches of Mexico; Professor P. C. Hsu, formerly secretary of the World Student Christian Federation and now professor of philosophy at the University of Shanghai; Miss Ila Sircar, National Student Movement Secretary of India.

There will be a registration fee of $1.00 to cover expense, and churches are asked to elect their most influential members as delegates and to pay registration. Delegates will bear their own travel and entertainment expense.

PLEBISCITE FIGURES

The Economic Plebiscite, though it was widely discussed, did not result in heavy balloting. Only 32,580 members throughout the country participated. According to a news release from the National headquarters, there was a vote of four to one that the government should provide jobs for those unable to find work in private employ. The organization of consumer cooperatives was favored by a vote of three to one, while the extension of public ownership of utilities won by a sixteen to eleven vote.

Affirmative majorities were recorded for all seven propositions, but the least popular was the favoring of the maintenance or increase of tariffs. About seven hundred churches participated.

SUPT. GILL ON JOINT STAFF

Superintendent Harley H. Gill has been elected a member of the Joint Staff of the Missions Council. The Staff is made up of all promotional and missionary educational secretaries of the American Board and Board of Home Missions, now operating through the Missions Council, together with two state superintendents. Under the plan now in effect, Dr. Gill will serve as a member of the Staff for two years, and will then move up to the Cabinet. It will be remembered that he was the first superintendent elected to the Cabinet which was set up at Mt. Holyoke, but resigned.

VICTORY, IF NOT A GAIN

It was a victory if not a gain. The year 1937 with its famous "recession" brought problems to churches throughout the country. In some sections it spelled disaster.

After January 10 the moneys received through the Conference office showed a very small gain, but at the Evanston Midwinter Meeting when reports of remittances sent directly to the eastern offices of the Boards were added, our gain was changed into a small loss. In other words, less money had been sent to the treasuries of the Boards by individuals than in 1937.

Here are the figures of money going **through the Conference office:**

For the Board of Home Missions, including the Council for Social Action $7,406.22
(This is a gain of $1,052.24 over 1937)

For the American Board (Foreign Missions) $7,478.47
(This is $957.36 less than in 1937)

The reason for the gain for the Board of Home Missions and the loss for the American Board was the change of apportionment percentages voted by the Conference in San Jose at the request of the General Council Survey Committee in order to help care for the Original Plan annuities.

For our State Ministers' Relief Society ..... $ 682.74
(This is a loss of $392.82 as against 1937 and is due to change of percentages, Northern California surrendering 1 per cent to the Annuity Fund.)

For our State Conference and Home Missions $18,762.78
(This is a gain of $329.12 and is due to an increased amount raised from individuals to balance our budget at the close of the fiscal year last March.)

Total for State, National, and Foreign Work $34,330.21
(This is a gain of $31.18 over 1937)

Reports to the Missions Council from all sources at Evanston bring Northern California's total up to $36,098, which is $108.00 less than the Evanston figures of a year ago. Rechecking is almost certain to add some hundreds of dollars. Not until the March issue will we be able to tell our readers the final story.

Of this much we are certain, once more Northern California has made a better showing than the churches throughout the country, where the loss is something like 4.6%. This was due in part to the New England hurricane, which resulted in heavy losses of more than $50,000 in that area. It will be remembered that every year but one since the depression struck, our churches have done better than the national average.

The report of operating income and expense of the Conference now shows a deficit of $902.33, whereas a year ago there was a surplus of $710.75, to help carry through the lean months until the end of the fiscal year, March 31. This is strictly in accordance with the expectation and is due to reduced earnings from invested funds. To meet this situation the Extra Dollar plan was devised. Every church that has not participated should push the effort hard during the next two months.

The Superintendent and the Field Secretary stand ready to be of assistance.

BRADLEY DATES

The Commission on Laymen's Fellowship, together with the Conference office, has arranged a schedule of laymen's district dinner meetings, with Dr. Dwight J. Bradley as speaker. Dr. Bradley, who was recently made director of the Council for Social Action, is eager to meet laymen and to tell them what he has in mind as to the program of the Council. Laymen have been eager to tell the Council what they think of Social Action. The result will be a very interesting and worthwhile series of meetings. Dinner will be served by the host church at 6:30 at 50c a plate. Laymen from nearby churches will attend. Dr. Bradley will speak and the rest of the evening will be devoted to questions and answers. There will be no other speeches, and no music.

The list of dates and places appears below and pastors and lay-contact men in the various churches will know the details and push for attendance.

Friday, February 24—Petaluma.
Monday, February 27—Fresno, First.
Tuesday, February 28—Oakland, First.
Wednesday, March 1—Santa Cruz.
Friday, March 3—Paradise.
Monday, March 20—Martinez.
Tuesday, March 21—San Francisco, First Church.
Monday, March 27—Palo Alto.
Wednesday, March 29—Stockton.
Friday, March 31—Sacramento.

Pastors Meet

In addition to headline speakers which have been announced in previous issues of The Pacific, the Pacific School of Religion has arranged for a series of seminars during the Pastoral Conference on February 21, 22 and 23.

John Coleman Bennett, professor of Theology, will discuss "Theological backgrounds for Christian Ethics." Walter J. Homan of the San Francisco State College will lead in "What Shall We Teach Our Children?" "The Bible and Archaeology" will be considered by C. C. McCown, and Dean James Muilenburg will conduct hours on "The Meaning of Apocalyptic for Our Times."

The Quiet Hours will be led by Bishop Karl Morgan Block, Rev. Stanley A. Hunter, and Rev. Dwight Bradley. Among the Earl lecturers to be heard are Charles Phelps Taft, Cincinnati lawyer and churchman and leader in the promotion of the World Council of Churches; Edgar J. Goodspeed, Professor Emeritus of New Testament, University of Chicago; Burris A. Jenkins, author and theologian and leader of church union movements.

Overnight entertainment can be secured by out-of-town pastors if requests are forwarded to the Pacific School of Religion in advance. The day sessions will be held in the University Christian Church, Scenic and LeConte Avenues, and the evening lectures at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

ASSOCIATIONS

Northern California will be very fortunate in having Hugh Vernon White as the visiting speaker for the Association meetings. Dr. White needs no publicity matter to sell him to Northern California churches. Before going to the American Board as one of its secretaries, he was pastor of our own Stockton church. Not long ago he encircled the globe, visiting our worldwide work. He has made a great record in speaking to ministers' convocations and theological seminaries.

The Conference office, which has in charge Dr. White's schedule, has worked out a series of dates which it is suggesting to the various Associations, which will enable those Associations to have Dr. White as a speaker. The schedule of dates and places is as follows:

Friday, April 14—Central Association at Murphys.
Monday, April 17—Upper Bay Association at Rio Vista.
Friday, April 21—San Joaquin Association at Fresno, First Church.
Monday, April 24—Redwood Empire Association at Santa Rosa.
Tuesday, April 25—Bay Association at Hayward.
Wednesday, April 26—Santa Clara Association at San Carlos.
Friday, April 28—Sacramento Valley Association at Paradise.
Sunday, April 30—Modoc Association.

It is hoped that officers and entertaining churches will do their best to fit in with the above schedule.

EXPOSITION TEMPLE OF RELIGION

Bulrushes and papyrus from the valley of the Nile; olive and fig trees from Jerusalem; cypress and chestnut from the Mediterranean; the cedar of Lebanon, the lotus, "lilies of the field," the vine, myrrh, camphor, bramble and briar; these and more than one hundred other plants, shrubs, trees and herbs which are even remotely mentioned in the Bible, will soon blossom forth in the Biblical Garden in the Temple of Religion and Tower of Peace at Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay.

To transplant some of the charm and old-world atmosphere, months of exhaustive research were undertaken by the Palestine Institute of the Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley under the personal supervision of Chester C. McCown, of the department of New Testament interpretation and literature. The plants have been assembled from the far corners of the world and California itself has provided the majority of species.

JANUARY ATTENDANCE

Thirty-four churches reported this month their attendance at morning service for January in response to the card sent out by the Committee on Church Attendance. The total was 11,649 as against 12,851 in December. The number of men and boys was 3,988 as against 4,546. The comparison of figures is not an index of actual trends because the churches reporting for January are not identical with those reporting in December. Two reports were omitted, one because it gave estimates, and the other because it included only two of the five Sundays.

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MISSIONS COUNCIL MID-WINTER MEETING

The Midwinter Meetings at Evanston seem to be of increasing importance in the planning of the work of our fellowship. The superintendents of all of the conferences by comparing notes endeavor to improve the quality of their work. Two days are devoted to discussing such questions as the rise of the Pentecostal sects, helping pastors to find suitable pulpits and churches to find the right men, standards of the ministry, cost of administration and promotion, our periodicals, the laymen's fellowship, General Council plans, evangelism, religious education, and young people's work.

The Prudential Committee of the American Board, the directors of the Board of Home Missions, the Executive Committee of the General Council, the women state presidents, and many other groups meet and many individual contacts are made.

The Missions Council, which has in charge promotional work for our missionary enterprise, is attended by all groups. Reports from the field were heartening. Miss Mabel Emerson of the American Board told of the unequalled opportunities we face, but pointed out that during the depression we sent almost no young blood to the foreign field so that the average age of our misisonaries is about 50, which must soon be corrected. Rev. William F. Frazier told of the very important and highly successful work being done in Puerto Rico. President Mary F. Branch, under whose leadership Tillotson College has trebled in number of students and lifted its rank to class B, has been given right of way to raise $50,000 for a much-needed building.

Favorable action was taken looking toward a change in form of the Missionary Herald, reducing the size of the page and publishing it ten months in the year for a subscription price of 25 cents.

Another and important step in the attaining of unified promotion was taken. No longer will the American Board and the Board of Home Missions maintain separate home or promotion departments. They will be merged with the Missions Council into one agency, and the secretaries of the Boards will do their promotional work in and through the unified agency. Ministers, churches and conference will welcome the reduction in the amount of printed and mimeographed material coming to their desks, and the elimination of confusion which will come about as a result of this move.

The staff of the Council for Social Action has been reduced by resignations of Mrs. Marguerite Harmon Bro and Hubert Herring.

Northern California was represented by Mrs. R. A. Fuller, president of the Federation of Congregational Women; Dr. C. A. Kofoid, member of Prudential Committee of the American Board, and Mrs. Kofoid; Rev. Lawrence Wilson, member of Council for Social Action, and Superintendent Gill.

"BY A NOSE"

Sometimes it takes a photograph to decide a winner in a race. The margin in the figures of benevolence receipts for 1938, in comparison with 1937, was just about that narrow. With half of our churches making gains and the other half remaining stationary or losing in gifts, it is almost incredible that the results at the end of the two years could be only $31 apart, when a total of about $34,300 is involved. Believe it or not, that is the story as the figures below indicate, and as set forth on another page. Forty-eight churches made a gain; one or two of the heaviest losses came as a result of cleaning up building indebtedness. The year 1938 was a hard one for business, so it was a real triumph to hold our own. Now, all together for 1939!

CHURCH	1938	1937
Adin	$ 70.56	$ 108.60
Alameda	800.02	712.97
Alturas	62.69	55.71
Angels Camp	129.25	125.00
Antioch	22.50	60.00
Auburn	101.98	60.00
Benicia	20.00	20.00
Berkeley, Chinese	18.85	25.00
First	4,908.91	6,939.30
Kensington	20.00	10.00
North	718.67	489.99
Park	65.36	103.11
Campbell	301.95	300.00
Cloverdale	77.94	92.25
Cotati	63.25	40.19
Crockett	37.13	95.08
Etna	—	11.00
Eureka	303.91	405.06
Fairfax	20.00	23.05
Ferndale	302.71	308.29
Fowler	18.00	—
Fresno, First	1,109.43	965.50
Free Cross	—	10.00
Japanese	15.00	10.00
Pilgrim	200.00	159.00
Third	—	50.00
Zion	32.85	50.00
Grass Valley	15.00	—
Guerneville	10.25	9.75
Hayford	10.00	—
Hayward	200.00	199.50
Kenwood	41.11	60.98
Lewiston	—	2.75
Lodi, First	1,260.65	1,214.00
Loomis	45.22	72.00
Martinez	346.03	375.00
Murphys	70.20	50.00
Niles	25.70	5.00
Oakland, Bethany	40.00	40.00
First	5,403.46	5,423.91
Fruitvale	48.50	37.50
Japanese	10.00	5.00
Pilgrim	44.50	67.41
Plymouth	795.97	795.57
Oroville	85.87	194.70
Pacific Grove	360.26	418.65
Palo Alto	2,000.00	1,925.00
Paradise	197.60	161.23
Parlier	10.00	10.00
Penngrove	31.56	.4.65
Pescadero	5.00	—
Petaluma	762.36	781.34
Pittsburg	165.78	158.60
Port Chicago	—	2.00
Porterville	200.00	150.00
Redwood City	785.48	755.00
Reedley	15.00	—
Rio Vista	120.00	75.59
Ripon	200.00	152.18
Sacramento	878.83	610.25
Salida	33.71	50.00
San Carlos	85.00	61.00
San Francisco—		
Bethany, Mission Park	558.07	408.55
Calvary	—	10.00
Chinese	20.37	20.37
First	1,750.50	1,710.33
Ocean View	45.00	55.00
Richmond	113.50	116.00
San Jose	737.00	722.00
San Leandro	92.82	110.73
San Mateo	350.00	310.00
San Rafael	20.00	40.00
Santa Cruz	865.00	797.00
Santa Rosa	176.26	197.94
Saratoga	600.00	567.21
Sebastopol	233.21	244.01
Sonoma	101.29	82.90
Soquel	117.00	100.00
Stockton	686.46	674.66
Suisun	82.78	60.09
Sunnyvale	43.31	37.31
Sunol	—	20.00
Tulare	456.00	375.00
Weaverville	154.63	147.10
Woodside	20.00	17.00
Reno, Nevada	499.12	450.66
Miscellaneous (inc. Thank Offering)	2,883.91*	1,927.51
	$34,330.21	$34,299.03

* Includes special deficit gifts.

PACIFIC GROVE. Rev. Ellwood Hunter, the pastor, is leading midweek discussions on "Spiritual Certainties and Some Implications."

THANK OFFERING VICTORY

The Thank Offering sponsored by the Federation of Congregational Women has steadily climbed, and 1938 showed a gain of $86. Out of this money a substantial portion goes toward the support of our own Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilbur; our missionary in Trinity County, Mr. James Salmon; and the Children's Project of the Grace United Church of the Mission in San Francisco. The balance will help to take up the slack of some deficits in years gone by. It will appear that 43 churches participated in 1938. If 25 more would order Thank Offering boxes now at the beginning of 1939, additional worthy projects could be sponsored. Boxes may be secured for three cents each by writing the Conference office, or by applying to Mrs. Harley H. Gill, 1835 San Antonio Avenue, Berkeley, the Thank Offering Secretary. Here is the church by church report for the years 1938 and 1937.

CHURCH	1938	1937
Alameda	$ 61.46	$ 64.84
Antioch	21.43	8.17
Auburn	13.29	21.90
Benicia	20.00	15.50
Berkeley, First	92.63	91.33
North	33.92	43.05
Campbell	—	10.00
Cloverdale	8.26	15.50
Cotati	8.00	7.00
Eureka	49.50	47.00
Ferndale	13.90	23.59
Fresno, First	71.11	45.45
Hayward	25.00	25.00
Kenwood	—	4.65
Lodi	62.65	56.65
Loomis	5.00	—
Martinez	20.83	16.29
Murphys	5.00	5.00
Oakland, Bethany	5.00	5.00
First	207.73	175.06
Fruitvale	14.06	5.00
Pilgrim	10.00	18.00
Plymouth	20.00	25.00
Oroville	5.00	—
Pacific Grove	22.00	29.75
Palo Alto	112.40	87.79
Paradise	9.80	7.00
Petaluma	36.49	44.50
Pittsburg	22.60	31.00
Redwood City	23.00	24.00
Ripon	21.63	19.00
Sacramento	16.02	25.08
San Francisco—		
Bethany, Mission Park	21.25	20.00
First	74.70	100.00
Calvary	2.34	—
San Jose	60.00	41.50
San Leandro	11.10	10.25
San Mateo	50.00	50.00
Santa Cruz	50.00	46.90
Saratoga	41.26	—
Sebastopol	20.01	20.07
Sonoma	7.50	7.15
Stockton	35.00	35.00
Sunnyvale	9.50	8.20
Tulare	12.21	11.35
Individual	1.00	—
	$1,433.58	$1,347.52

Rev. E. L. Spuller, formerly of Ripon, and now pastor of the United Protestant Church at Dixon, writes that the church building has been re-roofed; the redecoration of the auditorium is in progress, and that in the church school rooms is completed; also that the installation of an organ is expected. Two groups of young people meet each Sunday evening. The church school has an attendance of about 80, and the pastor is kept busy with work among boys and on the board of directors of the Rotary Club, in addition to his regular pastoral duties.

SACRAMENTO. Rev. Lawrence Wilson, pastor, was in attendance at the Midwinter Meeting as a member of the Council for Social Action. On February 5 he exchanged pulpits with Rev. Torrence Phelps of Pasadena.

FAIRFAX. Rev. C. L. Mears, pastor, preached on New Year's Day to 280 prisoners in San Quentin. A beautiful silk American flag was presented to the church by the American Legion Post.

ADIN. Rev. A. W. Monosmith predicts that with new workers taking hold, the enlarged budget and program of the church will be a success.

LODI. The annual meeting showed that there had been a gain in membership, that all bills were paid, and that improvements have been made in the property, including a concrete floor in Plymouth Hall and a gas furnace in the parsonage. Attendance in the Sunday school is steadily increasing. The old year closed with a watch-night service led by the pastor, Rev. A. R. Boone.

ALAMEDA. Mr. Ed Opitz of Pacific School of Religion has accepted leadership of high school boys in the church school. The church has accepted the challenge of the Stockton church for a contest in attendance. The pastor, Rev. Gail Cleland, has been giving a series of sermons using such topics as "If I were the new governor of California"; "If I were a Negro"; "If I were one of nineteen children."

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVE. The average attendance at Sunday school for the month was 111. Special lectures by Professor John C. Bennett of the Pacific School of Religion are held twice a month, with a splendid attendance. "Building a Philosophy of Life" is the general theme under discussion by the Hi K Club, which has an average attendance of 15. Mr. R. C. M. Fiske is director.

COTATI. "We'll Grow 'em!" is the slogan adopted by the junior Pilgrim Fellowship to meet the challenge of losses sustained by older young people going away to college. The church has also suffered by the death of four of its most beloved members. The annual meeting reports showed that all charges of 1938, including salaries and the rewiring of the church, have been met. Rev. C. C. Champlin is pastor.

EUREKA. Sixty folding seats have been received by the church, the gift of a local theater. They will be installed in the lecture hall. The Sunday school has shown an increase in attendance of 33 per cent in the past year. Earphones for the use of the hard of hearing have been provided through a legacy. New lights and wiring have been installed in the social hall. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is the pastor.

PARADISE. Although Christmas news is a little late, Pacific has learned of the broadcasting of Christmas music and chimes from the church tower by means of loud speakers. Ten new members were received into the church, and Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, the new minister, is meeting with enthusiastic support in the community.

PENNGROVE. Reports at the annual meeting showed all financial obligations met. A new annex was projected to house the growing Sunday school and for social activities, and a building fund started. Evangelistic services were held for ten nights. Rev. C. C. Champlin is pastor.

SOQUEL. Duplex envelopes have been adopted and distributed with a quiet, friendly community canvass. Young women have been made church ushers. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, the pastor, was confined to her home on account of illness one Sunday, but a goodly congregation gathered and carried on without her leadership.

LOOMIS. All accounts for the past year were paid, including the first year's installment on the loan from the Building Society. Plans are under way for a rededication. Rev. Edward P. Shier is pastor.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, FIRST. Rev. O. W. S. McCall closed his 17-year-pastorate with the last Sunday of January. For several Sundays preceding, capacity congregations greeted him. With Mrs. McCall and their three daughters, Dr. McCall left for Chicago, driving by way of the southern route. On Sunday, February 5, the pulpit was supplied by the former pastor, Rev. Raymond C. Brooks. On Sunday, February 12, Superintendent Harley H. Gill will be the preacher. Others who will be heard in the near future are: Professor John C. Bennett, Professor John Wright Buckham, Dr. Burris Jenkins, Rev. Hugh Vernon White, Rev. Dwight J. Bradley, and Professor James Muilenburg. Rev. Fred R. Morrow will carry forward pastoral work as well as his other duties as director of religious education and student affairs.

AUBURN. The ministry of Rev. H. J. Loken was climaxed by the purchase and installation of a Hammond organ. A musical recital made up a part of the program of a reception given to the outgoing minister and his wife, and before the evening was over it was decided not to permit the organ to leave the premises, and money was raised in sufficient amount to assure its purchase. The price of the organ was $1400, of which $920 was raised in cash, the balance in pledges over a three-year period. About 150 people attended the reception.

TRINITY COUNTY. Members of the Rebecca Lodge attended in a body one Sunday night, bringing the attendance up almost to Easter proportions. Heavy snows prevented holding a service in Hayfork one Sunday during January. Clothing which had been sent by some of our churches went to a needy family which had suffered the loss of everything by fire. Work has been suspended temporarily in Lewiston because of the weather. Rev. J. D. Salmon, the pastor, was a recent speaker at Rotary.

SAN JOSE. A fourteen-point program of advance was launched at the annual meeting for the year 1939, which includes the addition of 50 new members and the doubling of the church school. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, the pastor, is very happy in the response in the community to his leadership.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. A Musical Night in Armenia was held on February 7 at the Century Club. An a cappella chorus conducted by Mrs. Anitza Khachadourian, wife of the pastor, sang a number of ancient Armenian songs. The chorus was assisted by a number of soloists. The proceeds go to make up a nucleus for the building fund.

BERKELEY, NORTH. The annual meeting on January 11 revealed substantial accomplishments during the year past. Officers were elected. The pastor, Rev. Pierson Parker, delivered a series of sermons in January on "The Look of a Christian." A study of Modern Religion is being sponsored by the Couples Club.

SARATOGA. Five members were received on confession of faith on February 5. Two young men were baptized. This makes a total of 182 members received during the pastorate of Rev. Burton M. Palmer. Of this number, 128 were on confession of faith.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST TEMPLE. Dr. Roderick Scott, from Fukien Christian University, was speaker in the church auditorium the last night of January. Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee took one evening in the Thursday series on "Beacon Lights from the Book of Genesis." A large class of new members was received on Sunday, February 5, and plans are on foot for a great Easter ingathering. At each morning service all strangers and visitors are asked to stand and are given welcome by one of the pastors and asked to sign a card, which enables the church to establish a friendly contact with them. A goodly number respond. Rev. J. N. Pierce and Rev. E. A. Lowther are pastors.

OAKLAND, FIRST. A Men's Fellowship has been organized, which gives promise of great assistance to the church and the pastor. Youth activities show a church school enrollment of 421, a gain of 22 during the past year. Four girls' clubs, a boys' club, and two basketball teams carry on organized activities for children. Among older groups there is a high school forum, a young people's forum, and a Lakeside Guild. Miss Lucile Shackelford is director of religious education and Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is pastor.

PITTSBURG. Sunday school is having a new type of worship service under the leadership of Mrs. Elmer W. Benedict, the wife of the pastor. Every Sunday, members from different classes are rehearsed in advance. The result has been most effective in solving the problem of discipline and in making the church school hour an occasion of worship. Mrs. James Hazlett was speaker at the Women's Auxiliary, telling of missionary work in the Near East.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. The proceeds of the February church dinner will be used to pay for The Pacific for every Fruitvale family. The Pilgrim Fellowship which is meeting every Sunday evening, has elected officers for the coming year. The Pilgrim Men's Club has been organized with a full slate of officers. Special observance will be made of both Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays in sermons by the pastor, Rev. James B. Orr.

BENICIA. Open house is held for young people each Friday evening. Sixteen young people went to the Youth Conference at Lokoya and two to the midwinter meeting at Alameda. The social hall was decorated through funds donated by young people. The pastor, Mr. Arthur Flick, is a student at the Pacific School of Religion.

SANTA ROSA. While the year closed with a small deficit, it was a good record considering the spending of nearly $5000 for property improvements, and the deficit will be cared for during the early months of the year. Rev. Wilfred Withington is encouraged by the coming in of a new personnel.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The $17,000 mortgage has been reduced by the sale of a property, to a balance of $13,650, which lightens the interest charges. The church contributed over $500 to benevolences during the past year, which included a $200 legacy. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton is pastor.

PORTERVILLE. At the annual meeting, it was disclosed that more than $7,600 had been raised and expended during 1938, including $2350 applied on building indebtedness and $900 raised by the Women's Association for furnishings. The budget for 1939 is practically in sight. Benevolences will be increased by $50. Two new groups within the Women's Association have been formed, one a reading group which will study missions, and another, a Bible study group. Every woman of the church is included in one way or another in the Association. Thirty-eight members were received on confession and 47 by letter during the past year. Rev. John H. Gregg, the pastor, reports the average attendance for January as 167.

SAN MATEO. Preparations are under way for the celebration of the 75th anniversary this coming May. This is the oldest Protestant church in the region between Redwood City and San Francisco. The church came through 1938 with all obligations met, including the renovation of Kloss Hall and the entertaining of the Conference. Subscriptions for benevolences for the new year are more than double the gifts of previous years. Rev. Sidney Buckham, the pastor, has been appointed the director of next summer's young people's conference.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. John G. Dickey has been elected secretary of the Angels Boosters' Club, which is very much like a Chamber of Commerce. In spite of various epidemics which closed the public schools, the church school continued with an average attendance. One service was held at Sheep Ranch. A small deficit for the year at Angels Camp was quickly made up, and Murphys Church showed all bills paid, including $360 expense put into the parsonage, which is rented.

SAN RAFAEL. Mr. Merrill Nelson, the pastor, reports that the adult C. E. group is sponsoring monthly pot-luck family dinner night. A silver offering was received for the modernization of the building, and a mile of pennies campaign has been launched, with quotas assigned to various groups. A boys' club has been organized and the Sunday school attendance has broken all records. The C. E. societies have an average attendance of 40.

BERKELEY, PARK. A Children and Parents Communion Service on New Year's Day, in which 40 partook of the communion after the story had been told in a very simple manner, was a most sacred and reverent occasion. Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, states that he will make it an annual affair.

SANTA CRUZ. At the annual meeting it was reported that 39 had been received into membership, with loses of 19, making a net gain of 20. The average attendance for the morning services had been 348. Enrollment in the church school had reached 319. Rev. H. S. Mahood, the pastor, reported more than 3,000 visits, 10,000 miles driven by automobile, 82 funerals, 92 weddings, and 18 outside addresses.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. A Young Adult group is meeting on Thursday evenings for discussion. Weatherhead's "After Death" is being used as a basis for considering the doctrine of immortality. A new organization of senior young people is in process of formation. Rev. Stewart E. Locke is pastor.

RIPON. "Youth Week" was observed beginning January 29, with young people participating in both morning and evening services. Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton gave a special address in the evening. A community youth banquet was held on the following Friday, and four young people took entire charge of the Sunday morning worship period on February 5. The mortgage on the church property was burned at the annual meeting, although the last payment was not due until next May. During the first year of the pastorate of Rev. Robert Bentley, 27 members were received into the church fellowship. At the close of the year more than $175 remained in the treasury with all bills paid.

TULARE. Great interest is evidenced in the Standish Club of the Tulare Church, which is a group of young adults, meeting one Sunday evening of each month, for a combined social and study program. The topic for discussion is "The Christian Home," and various members prepare topics for group discussion. Attendance runs very near the 100 per cent mark. Rev. Arthur L. Rice, the pastor, is called on for many community services. He offered invocation at the banquet of the Chamber of Commerce, and at the annual meeting of the Boy Scout Council. He was speaker at the Visalia Kiwanis Club Christmas program, and at the Exeter Presbyterian Church on their church night.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. One of the most enthusiastic gatherings ever to assemble in Plymouth Center was present at the annual meeting. A budget was adopted and a very vigorous every member canvass was launched, under the direction of Field Secretary Sherman of the Conference. Ninety-four canvassers took the field. Rev. F. J. Van Horn, ad interim pastor, has been contributing to the sense of churchmanship by a series of sermons on "The Church."

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. The treasurer's annual report on January 1 showed a deficit of only $86, which was quickly covered. Each year the situation has improved over the year previous. The church is now engaged in the final effort to raise $4,000, which with help from various other sources will completely wipe out the bank indebtedness. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.

HAYWARD. The beautiful altar and furnishings which were mentioned in last month's Pacific were dedicated at a communion service on February 5. Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave the communion meditation. Rev. Godfrey Matthews, the pastor, led in the act of dedication.

KENWOOD and GLEN ELLEN. There has been a very encouraging increase in attendance at both churches, and new members are in prospect. Of ten weddings which the pastor, Rev. Frank E. Boren, performed last year, seven were in the church.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Wm. T. Sadler

The Executive Meeting of the Federation is held the third Thursday of each month at 10:15 a. m., in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

ANNUAL MEETING ECHOES

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of our Federation on January 12 and 13 was splendid from start to finish. Oakland First Church was the "perfect hostess" with every detail carefully prepared for us. There was a large attendance throughout. Two hundred sixty women at Friday's luncheon heard Mrs. James Hazlett's heart-warming account of her visit with Miss Edith Parsons in Izmir, Turkey; also her delightfully humorous "glimpse" of the Pyrar ids from a camel's back. At this luncheon Mrs. T. E. Borden voiced with words and flowers our very deep appreciation of the untiring, unstinted service given us for three years by our retiring president, Mrs. A. V. Dunn. One could not listen to the annual reports without thrilling to the realization of the loyalty and hard work, the interest and ingenuity, the careful planning and high spiritual devotion of our Federation women all over northern California. In the President's Message, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, our new president, emphasized the interdependence of all our women upon each other; that the Executive Board exists to serve all the various groups, and in turn can accomplish little without the help of the many women who never get to our executive meetings, but who are carrying on our work in their own churches and communities. It is the high privilege of our Association Presidents and our Commissioners to make our contacts with them full of life and interest. In this, the fall rallies are of special value, and over and over again the reports voiced appreciation of them and of the personal help through them, of Mrs. Dunn.

Reports showed that Redwood Empire Association had a perfect "score" for questionnaires filled out and returned, and an all-but-perfect score for payment of the Federation dollar. Santa Clara Association had a perfect score for Social Welfare Quotas filled, with Sacramento Valley Association a close second. Some of us think the "banner" for attendance should go to Modoc County. Alturas women have had an attendance of 20-30 each month, which is about the same number as the woman membership of the church, although not entirely the same women.

Ingenious ways of raising money: The women of Paradise Church had an exhibit at their county fair, and won $200 which they applied on their new parsonage debt. The women of Sacramento church made over $900 on their "Covered Wagon" at the State Fair. Santa Clara Association reported an intriguing list of meals—lunches furnished to Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs; also "Vanishing Luncheons" and "Galloping Breakfasts."

Our Social Welfare Secretary reported quotas sent to 66 women's organizations. Of these 54 were completely filled, three partly filled, and nine unfilled. Home Missions quotas totaled $837.96 (value) and $63.97 (postage). Foreign Missions quotas (money) totaled $337 and thirty cents postage. Grand totals were thus $1,174.96 (value) and $64.27 postage. These figures show a gain of $67.60 over last year's totals.

Our Thank Offering of $1433.58 went splendidly beyond our goal. Details are on another page of The Pacific.

From report of our Social Relations' Secretary: "The work of this department is of such a nature that we must work slowly and build a sound foundation of knowledge and facts. I have tried to stress the educational value achieved through study, and the spiritual value, through service. . . . The most recent action of our State Committee for Social Action was to send out a letter to all of the churches asking them to write to the President of the United States and to the Senators and Representatives, deploring the shipment of war materials to Japan. . . . If you have not, it is your privilege to do so . . . either by personal letters or as a group."

RABBI COFFEE'S ADDRESS

A large number of men and women were present at the Thursday evening dinner, and listened with deep interest to Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee's address on "Germany and Jewry." He said his indictment is not against the German people but against the six leading men of the Nazi government—Hitler, brilliant but a madman, a psychopathic case, aiming to rule the whole world by force, uncovered a great thought, viz.: that hate is the greatest denominator in the world. This hatred he incited against the Jews in Germany. "Let us expel the Jews and take their places; then there will be no more unemployment." Yet of the 65 million people in Germany six years ago, only 560,000 were Jews—5 to 595. "Let us take their wealth; then no one will be poor." Yet most of the 16 million Jews in the world do not know where their next breakfast will come from. "I'm against Jesus because he was a Jew," said Hitler. In 1933 he destroyed all hospitals with which any Jew was connected. Last November a Jewish boy, evidently inflamed by the Nazis as a good tool to use, found a miraculously easy entrance to shoot and kill a low German official not in sympathy with the Nazis. Immediately followed unbelievable, sickening persecution of all Jews. Now Hitler is pressing Denmark and South America firms to discharge all Jewish employees, and Czechoslovakia to expell all Jews. Asked what Americans can do about it, Rabbi Coffee stressed: Stand up for the democratic form of government. Let Christians through their Church Federations make it known that the spiritually-minded of America are shocked by Hitler's deeds. As individuals, refuse to buy from stores that specialize in German goods—and tell them why. The only hope in the situation is when, as recently, a cable from Czechoslovakia said that American buyers would leave no orders there if Czechoslovakia accepts Nazi rule.

OUR OPPORTUNITIES

Churches and organizations have responded wonderfully well in inviting our three distinguished speakers who have been and are available for the winter and spring months.

Dr. Leonard Wilbur has been exceedingly busy and his schedule will have included the following churches: Auburn; Loomis; Palo Alto; Fresno, First; Tulare; Porterville; San Francisco, Ocean View; Lodi; Berkeley, North; Eureka; Ferndale; Alameda; San Francisco, First; Sonoma; San Mateo; Petaluma; Soquel; Stockton; Redwood City; San Francisco, Grace United; San Leandro, Broadmoor; Berkeley, First.

Both Dwight J. Bradley and Hugh Vernon White, who will be in Northern California beginning with the latter part of February, will have very full programs of speaking dates. It must be remembered that they will both be teaching every Tuesday and Thursday at the Pacific School of Religion. Dr. Bradley will be the speaker at ten laymen's district meetings, and Dr. White will be visiting and speaking at all of the spring association meetings, announcements of which are in other columns. In addition, they will have many preaching appointments and occasions when they will be meeting with local churches and various organizations. The schedules are rapidly nearing completion and very few dates are now available.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

The "Fellowship of Prayer" for the Lenten season of 1939 has been published. The manuscript was prepared by Gaius Glenn Atkins, who also wrote the issue for 1933 and 1935. The 1939 edition reaches a very high level of inspiration and devotion. Copies may be ordered from the Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco, at 2c per copy, plus tax.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has taken 200,000 copies, the United Church of Canada, 35,000 copies; the Y.M.C.A., 25,000 copies, and there are other editions. The material has been provided for daily use for 330 newspapers throughout the country and 22 radio stations have arranged for daily broadcasts.

GENERAL COUNCIL

Rumors about the meeting place of the next General Council were spiked at Evanston. Superintendent Gill appeared before the Executive Committee of the General Council and reaffirmed the invitation which had been authorized by the council of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley. He was assured that the acceptance of the Berkeley invitation which had been voted at Beloit will stand. Whether the Council will be held in 1940 or 1941 will finally be determined in April.

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"Riddle's Answer"

At the annual meeting at San Mateo, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, reporting for the Conference Committee on Evangelism, presented the plan which he had been using for the previous year, known as "The Riddle's Answer," and a three-fold commitment. His statement concerning the fundamental needs of our modern life and of the church, and his remedy including the three-fold commitment, so impressed the conference that the plan was adopted and instructions were given for the printing of supplies.

Subsequently the Conference Committee on Evangelism, consisting of Rev. Godfrey Matthews, Rev. A. R. Boone, Rev. A. L. Rice, Rev. H. J. Loken, Rev. C. V. Carlson, Rev. H. S. Mahood, Rev. R. C. Day, and Rev. C. L. Mears, met with Dr. McCall and gave consideration to the plan, and then went on record in favor of presenting it to our churches as their own program for 1939. Copies of the twelve-page leaflet setting forth the need and the plan, of the four-page card which the individual signs for himself, and of the filing card for the church, are now available and may be secured through the Conference office at the cost of printing—$3.00 per hundred sets, 4c per set in lots of ten or more, or 5c for a single set. Churches are urged to make use of this material preceding and during the Lenten period.

FRAZIER AND HORTON

Announcement is made that two outstanding speakers have been secured for the annual meeting of the State Conference, which will be held at Santa Cruz, October 17-19. Rev. Douglas Horton, secretary and minister of the General Council and delegate to the great Ecumenical Missionary Conference at Madras, has consented to come. At the Midwinter Meetings Superintendent Gill invited Rev. William F. Frazier, executive vice-president of the Board of Home Missions, and secured the acceptance. This will bring an unusually strong team of our national speakers.

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